

§ 3162. Comprehensive economic development strategies

(a) In general

The Secretary may provide assistance under section 3141 or 3149 of this title (except for planning assistance under section 3149 of this title) to an eligible recipient for a project only if the eligible recipient submits to the Secretary, as part of an application for the assistance—

(1) an identification of the economic development problems to be addressed using the assistance;

(2) an identification of the past, present, and projected future economic development investments in the area receiving the assistance and public and private participants and sources of funding for the investments; and

(3)(A) a comprehensive economic development strategy for addressing the economic problems identified under paragraph (1) in a manner that promotes economic development and opportunity, fosters effective transportation access, maximizes effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications), enhances and protects the environment, and balances resources through sound management of development; and

(B) a description of how the strategy will solve the problems.

(b) Approval of comprehensive economic development strategy

The Secretary shall approve a comprehensive economic development strategy that meets the requirements of subsection (a) to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

(c) Approval of other plan

(1) In general

The Secretary may accept as a comprehensive economic development strategy a satisfactory plan developed under another federally supported program.

(2) Existing strategy

To the maximum extent practicable, a plan submitted under this paragraph shall be consistent and coordinated with any existing comprehensive economic development strategy for the area.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title III, §302, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title III, §302, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1767.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3162, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §402, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 561; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §107, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167, required annual review of area eligibility, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

A prior section 302 of Pub. L. 89-136 was classified to section 3151a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(a), inserted “maximizes effective development and use of the

workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy, promotes the use of technology in economic development (including access to high-speed telecommunications),” after “access,”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-373, §302(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 11, 1999, see section 105 of Pub. L. 105-393, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

§ 3171. Designation of economic development districts

(a) In general

In order that economic development projects of broad geographic significance may be planned and carried out, the Secretary may designate appropriate economic development districts in the United States, with the concurrence of the States in which the districts will be wholly or partially located, if—

(1) the proposed district is of sufficient size or population, and contains sufficient resources, to foster economic development on a scale involving more than a single area described in section 3161(a) of this title;

(2) the proposed district contains at least 1 area described in section 3161(a) of this title; and

(3) the proposed district has a comprehensive economic development strategy that—

(A) contains a specific program for intra-district cooperation, self-help, and public investment; and

(B) is approved by each affected State and by the Secretary.

(b) Authorities

The Secretary may, under regulations promulgated by the Secretary—

(1) invite the States to determine boundaries for proposed economic development districts;

(2) cooperate with the States—

(A) in sponsoring and assisting district economic planning and economic development groups; and

(B) in assisting the district groups in formulating comprehensive economic development strategies for districts; and

(3) encourage participation by appropriate local government entities in the economic development districts.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3608.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3171, Pub. L. 89-136, title IV, §403, Aug. 26, 1965, 79 Stat. 562; Pub. L. 91-304, §1(d), July 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 92-65, title I, §108, Aug. 5, 1971, 85 Stat. 167; Pub. L. 93-46, §4, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 93-423, §7, Sept. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 94-487, title I, §115, Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-506, §1(7), Dec. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 2745; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVIII, §1821(a)(6), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 766, authorized Secretary to designate economic development districts and centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-393, §102(a).